

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**  
**Bergen County, New Jersey**  
**Ordinance No. 20-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 326 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS "OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 326, of the Code of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake sets forth all regulations regarding Streets and Sidewalks within the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

Chapter 326. Streets and Sidewalks

Sec. 326-31. Obstructions.

326-31 (a) Removal of Dead Trees and Branches.

Owners of property abutting on any street or public right-of-way and/or easement are required to trim or remove trees in the public right-of-way and/or easement, contiguous to their property or on their property which encroaches into the public right-of-way and/or easement and which creates a dangerous condition. Trees with dead or overhanging branches are a potential hazard to people and or motor vehicles and are required to be trimmed or removed. The municipality shall provide written notice to the property owner by posting notice on any tree that is to be trimmed or removed and shall be either sent to the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested or personally served upon an occupant of the property of the age of 14 years or older. The notice shall give the property owner a period of time of at least ten (10) days or a shorter period of time if necessary, for public safety, to trim or remove the trees and or branches. If the property owner does not trim or remove the trees or branches after a period of at least ten (10) days, or a shorter period of time if necessary, for public safety, the municipality shall do so at the property owner's expense. The cost of trimming or removing the trees shall become a lien on that property and shall be included in the next tax bill rendered to the property owner. Same shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes against that property.

(b) For any road maintained by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake that is lined with trees, plantings or has any other object within its right-of-way and/or easement, said trees, plantings or any other object, regardless of the installer and absent of an agreement and resolution to assume responsibility, shall be maintained by the fronting property owner.

Severability All provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.